

1 virtually in the courts of limited jurisdiction, although
2 they are somewhat at variance.

3 As you know these courts vary somewhat from coun-
4 ty to county. It is only in the Circuit court that we have
5 an elected clerk. Their functions and duties -- you will
6 find that they do many things that really are not judicial
7 functions.

8 For example the clerk of the Circuit court, and
9 I am told that there are some 600 sections in the code --
10 I have never checked it out -- on duties that have been
11 placed on the circuit court clerks, but for example he
12 handles all the recording, the recording of deeds, mort-
13 gages, retail sales agreements. He handles the agency
14 docket, the corporation record and so forth.

15 He is in most counties the seller or vendor of
16 licenses for retailers. When beer stamps were sold, no
17 lawyer could get near the courthouse because they were
18 lined all around the courthouse and down the next block.

19 He also performs the village ceremonies. He
20 collects fees and deposits. He certifies the land for
21 bail. He issues many state commissions, notary commissions,